

# Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs

A City of Las Vegas Park Oasis



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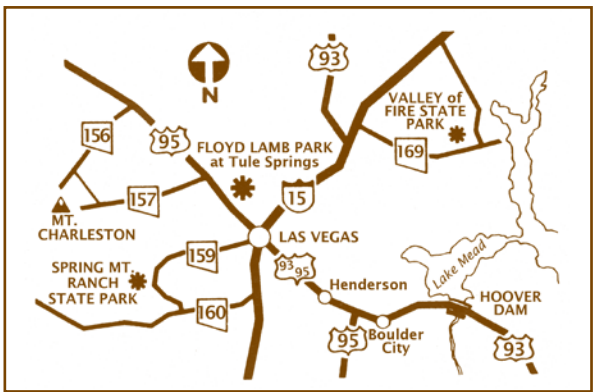
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Welcome to **Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs**...the newest addition to the City of Las Vegas' family of park facilities. We are excited to bring this oasis in the desert of northwest Las Vegas to all residents and visitors alike. More than 200,000 people enjoy this park and all its amenities each year. With its wildlife, lush vegetation, lakes, and views of the Sheep and Spring Mountain ranges, **Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs** is a natural park unique to the Las Vegas urban experience.

The historic Tule Springs Ranch is tucked inside the park and provides opportunities for visitors to learn about the traditional working ranch and early Las Vegas lifestyle.

**Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs** is located approximately 15 miles from downtown Las Vegas.



## PARK FACILITIES

**Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs** is a day-use only facility located 15 miles northwest of downtown Las Vegas. Its 2,040 acres include natural desert areas as well as grassy tree covered lawns surrounding four small lakes. Native desert wildlife and vegetation can be found throughout the park. Ducks, geese, chickens, and peacocks are park residents.

## PARK GATE HOURS

Summer Months (May-August) ..... 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Winter Months (September-April) ..... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## ENTRANCE FEE

Daily Per Car ..... \$ 6  
Daily Walk/Bike/Horse Intro Park..... \$ 1  
Annual Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs Pass..... \$ 45  
Annual Senior Pass (Age 50+) ..... \$ 15  
Tour Bus ..... \$ 1/Person

## PICNICKING

Tables and grills are located throughout the park, some covered cluster sites are available for small groups. All areas are on a first come, first served basis. Groups of 25 or more require advance reservations for use of group use areas.

## GROUP USE AREAS

Three group areas able to accommodate 25-250 people each, are available by reservation. Reservations can be made six (6) months in advance.

## PARK RESERVATIONS OFFICE

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Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## RESERVABLE PARK FEE SCHEDULE

Group Size	Fee	Plus	Refundable Deposit
1-100	\$50	\$25	\$25
101-200	\$100	\$50	\$50
201-400	\$150	\$75	\$75

Groups over 400 are considered special events and require a special event permit. Please call 229-1087 for events of over 400 people.

The City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services hopes you have an enjoyable time while at **Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs**. Although we cannot guarantee the weather, we can assure you our facilities are first rate. Please be advised that no refunds will be issued due to inclement weather.



Reservations are handled in the following manner:

- All reservations are scheduled in person or by phone. (Must have access to a fax machine and pay with a credit card.)
- Payment is due at the time of the reservation.
- Reservations cannot be scheduled earlier than six (6) months in advance.
- Every attempt will be made to ensure the park site is clean.
- Reservations should be scheduled at least two (2) weeks prior to the reservation date.
- Events requiring business license/permit must begin reservation procedures at least twenty (20) business days prior to the event; for example, vendors selling merchandise or food.
- Cancellations or changes must be processed no later than two (2) weeks prior to the reserved date (not including the day of your event) to receive a full refund. The cancellation must be made in person or by phone during Park Reservations Office normal business hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- No alcohol allowed in play areas and parking lots.
- No glass containers.
- No drugs of any kind allowed in park.
- No amplified music without a permit.
- No adults in tot lot/play areas unless supervising a child.
- All dogs must be on a leash.
- All other animals prohibited.
- No vehicles allowed in park except where posted.
- No camping or lodging in the park.
- No fireworks, firearms, or weapons of any kind in the park.
- Unauthorized sales prohibited.
- Metal detectors surface finds only.
- No golfing in the park.
- Obey all traffic and parking signs.
- Misuse and abuse of park property will be subject to citation and prosecution.
- Only "Easy Up" tents allowed. No tent stakes allowed.

For a complete list of park reservations policies and procedures, please call the Park Reservations Office at (702) 229-6718.

## FISHING

Fishing is allowed in all of the lakes. The lakes will be stocked with fish monthly. The type of fish is dependent upon availability and season. A Nevada State fishing license is required.

The **Las Vegas Gun Club** and **Historic Carriage Rides** through the park are private concessions. For more information, please call (702) 229-8100.

# City of Las Vegas Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs

## HISTORY

To look around Floyd Lamb Park today, you would never know the trials and tribulations or the sweat and blood that went into making it happen. It's easy to assume the lush lawns, cool lakes, and giant shady trees were there all the time. To the contrary, Tule Springs was not an easy place to develop. The caliche plateau and the blazing summer sun fought all who tried to make it green. Thanks to the dream of Bert Nay, P.J. Goumond, and the others who kept the dream alive, this beautiful oasis remains to be enjoyed by all.

## EARLY HISTORY

From an often neglected watering spot to dude ranch reflecting the changing social values of the United States in the early 1940s and 1950s, Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs represents a unique and exciting time in Nevada's history.



Water was the main attraction at Tule Springs. Indian populations made use of the spring on their seasonal travels across the Las Vegas Valley. Prospectors also stopped here in their travels to northern mining districts. Although too close to Las Vegas to be a viable stopover point, it was a watering hole for the horse drawn Bullfrog State Line on its route to the mining community of Rhyolite.

The first non-Indian to file on the water right to Tule Springs was John Herbert (Bert) Nay in 1916. By 1919, he had to acres of land under cultivation, although his family continued to spend the winters in Las Vegas. It was Nay who built the adobe hut (circa 1914-1918) to serve as a blacksmith shop and storage room.

In 1928, Bert Nay sold his interest in the farm to Gilbert Hefner for \$2,100 and moved to California. The property remained vacant until December 7, 1941, when Prosper Jacob Goumond began the task of carving a working ranch out of the desert wilderness.

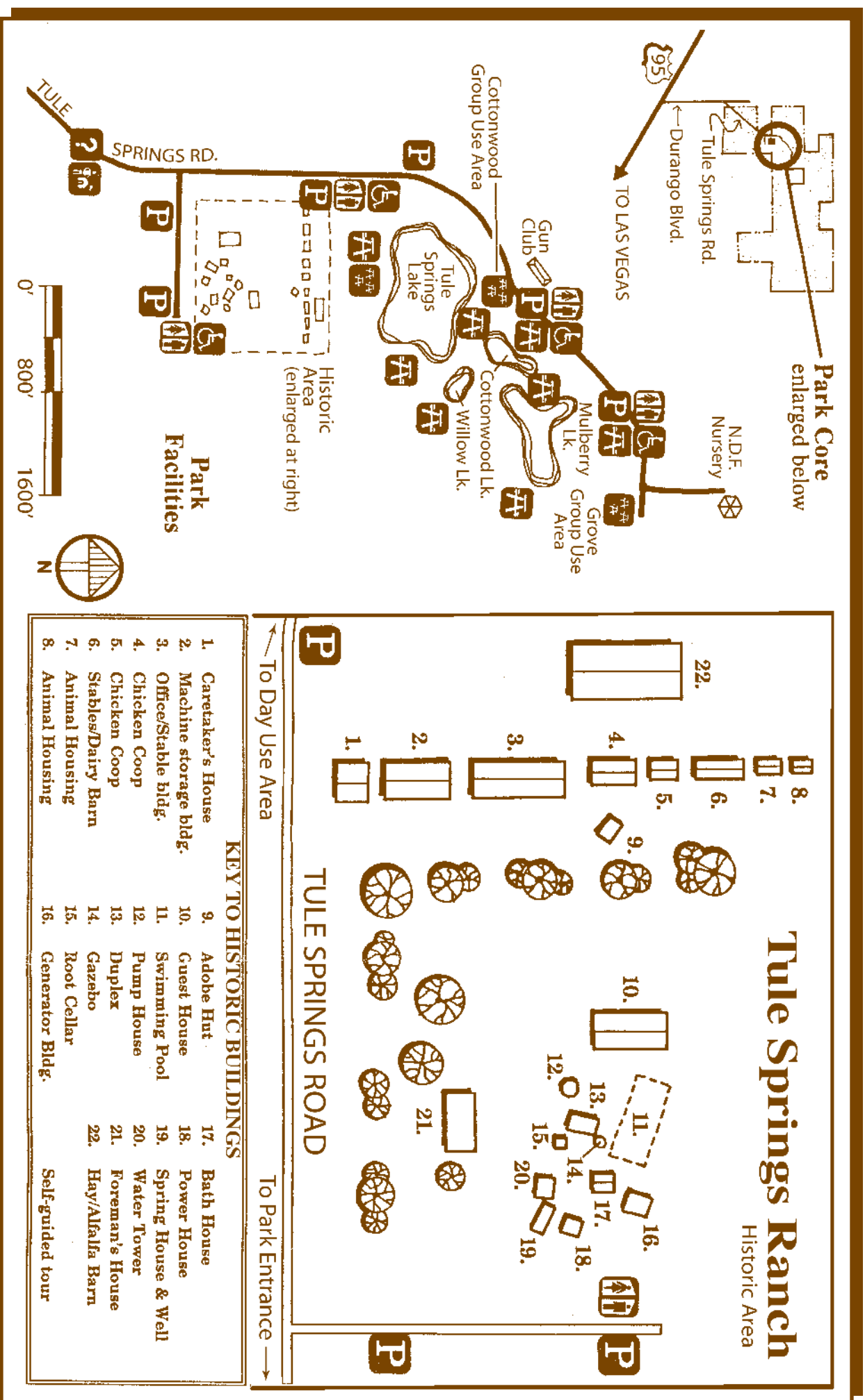
## THE GOUMOND ERA

Originally designed as a private retreat for his friends, Goumond took advantage of the changing divorce laws in Nevada and established a dude ranch for prospective divorcees. The ranch could accommodate 10-12 guests waiting out their six weeks residency requirement; at that time the shortest time requirement of any state in the nation.

Life on the dude ranch was glamorized in newspapers and made famous by the many movie stars who came to the "wild west" to obtain a divorce. The Tule Springs Ranch offered a swimming pool, lake, tennis courts, and a shooting range in addition to horseback riding, hayrides, barbecues, dances, and the nightlife of nearby Las Vegas as entertainment, as well as a glimpse at real "western" life. The ranch was managed by Goumond's son-in-law Cliff de Vaney. His granddaughter, Margo, also resided on the ranch giving riding lessons and helping with the management of the cattle and horses.

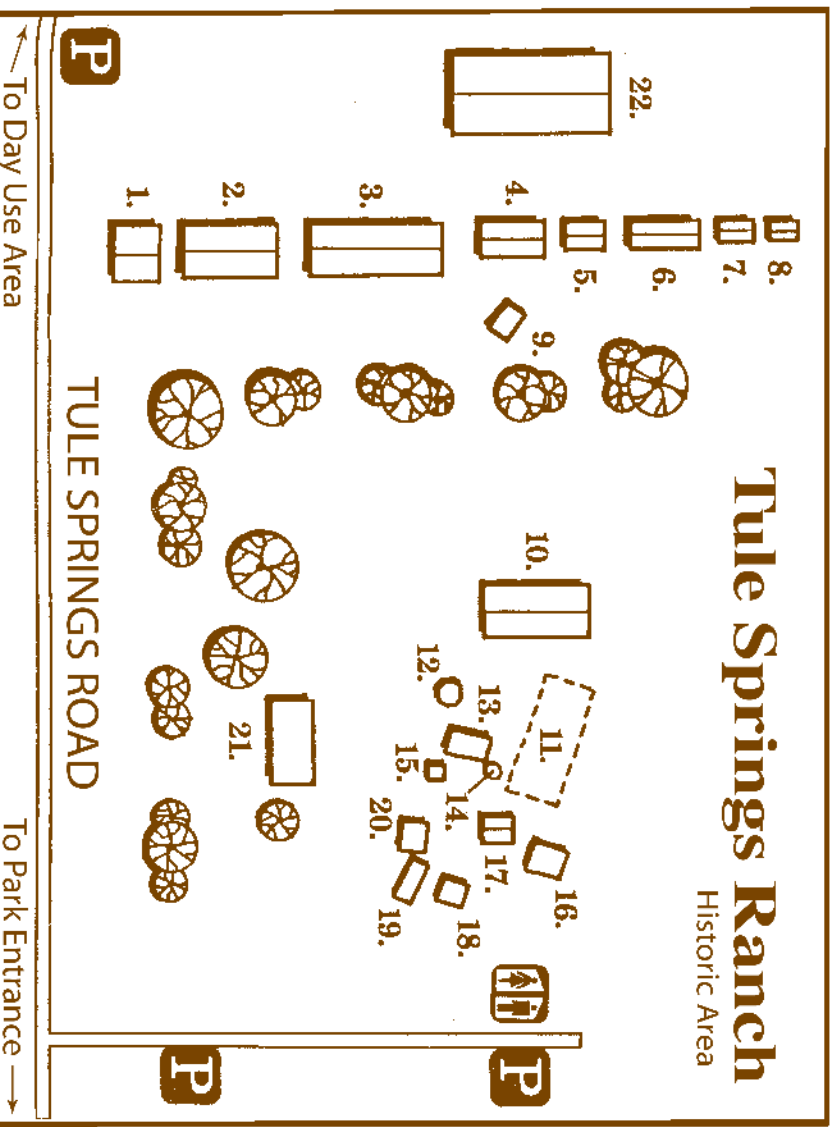
In addition to its sideline as a dude ranch, Tule Springs was in fact a self-supporting ranch operation. One hundred acres of land was planted in alfalfa and "Brangus" cattle (a combination of Angus bull and Brahma heifer) were bred and raised here. The cattle could be processed and hung in a large refrigerator for use on the premises or sold in town. Dairy cows, pigs, chickens, horses, and turkeys were also raised; ducks and geese populated the lake. Fruit and vegetables were grown to supply the guests with fresh produce year-round. The property had its own diesel-powered generator, telephone, and power lines.

Park Core  
enlarged below



## Tule Springs Ranch

Historic Area



### KEY TO HISTORIC BUILDINGS

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|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Caretaker's House     | 9. Adobe Hut        | 17. Bath House          |
| 2. Machine storage bldg. | 10. Guest House     | 18. Power House         |
| 3. Office/Stable bldg.   | 11. Swimming Pool   | 19. Spring House & Well |
| 4. Chicken Coop          | 12. Pump House      | 20. Water Tower         |
| 5. Chicken Coop          | 13. Duplex          | 21. Foreman's House     |
| 6. Stables/Dairy Barn    | 14. Gazebo          | 22. Hay/Alfalfa Barn    |
| 7. Animal Housing        | 15. Root Cellar     |                         |
| 8. Animal Housing        | 16. Generator Bldg. | Self-guided tour        |

Building on the ranch continued until 1948. Over the years, Goumond acquired a total of 880 acres of surrounding property. When he died in 1954, his granddaughter Margo inherited the property. In 1959, it was sold to a group of businessmen who formed the Tule Springs Investment Company. The ranch was leased out as a working cattle ranch until the City of Las Vegas purchased the property in 1964 for use as a city park



and renamed it in honor of State Senator Floyd Lamb. The State acquired the property by legislative action in 1977; the Division of State Parks has operated and maintained it since that time. On July 2, 2007, the park was officially transferred back to the City of Las Vegas.

## MAMMOTHS AND MAN AT TULE SPRINGS

Eons ago when Tule Springs was much cooler and wetter than today, large mammals, similar to those in Africa today, lived in the canyons and lush valleys of this area. Remarkable fossil remains have been found of mammoths, bison, horses, camels, giant sloths, and other Pleistocene fauna that lived and died here. Tule Springs is well known in the scientific world as one of the best examples of Pleistocene paleontologic sites in Western North America.

An extensive excavation project in 1962 was conducted to determine whether human populations were contemporaneous with these mighty mammals. The results of the dig placed early human use of the area at 10-11,000 years ago, dismissing an earlier notion that man had hunted Pleistocene big game in the Las Vegas Valley 28,000 years ago.

